

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas Frame on 4/11/09.
3. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The gateway device of claim 8, wherein said gateway device comprises a service selection gateway (SSG) connecting a plurality of remote systems to a plurality of service domains, wherein one of said original address and said new address comprises a local address of a remote system and the other address comprises an external address in a service domain for said remote system, ~~said~~ memory means stores NAT information and forwarding information in a plurality of tables partitioned according to service domains such that forwarding information and NAT information related to the same service domain is stored in the same one of said plurality of tables.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BRIAN D. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-3084. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-6:00 Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost can be reached on (571) 272-7872. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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